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From: Karre, Meredith
Date: Mon. Feb 10, 2003 7:09 PM
Subject: Local Telephone Competition: Unbundling the FCC's **Rules**

Since this is to be voted on at the FCC on Thursday, we thought you might find this of interest. For further questions, please feel free to contact James Gattuso at (202) 608-6244.

Local Telephone Competition:
Unbundling the FCC's **Rules**

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to vote this week on new rules governing competition for local telephone service. To the average consumer, the debate on this **issue** probably seems obscure, but the consequences of this decision may determine not just the future of competition in this market, but prospects for new technology and for the U.S. economy as a whole. The issue presents a stark choice between two very different visions of competitive markets. The first, embodied in the current Clinton-era rules, relies on regulations to require incumbent providers to share parts of their network with potential competitors. The second approach would encourage the development of competing networks with a minimum of regulation. Despite loud protests by many firms that now benefit from the current, regulation-based policies, the second path offers consumers better prospects for real choice and greater availability of advanced telecommunications services.

<http://hrvwww.heritage.org/Research/Regulation/bg1621.cfm>

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From: Chuck Knapp
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Feb 10, 2003 9:48 PM
Subject: DSL Line Sharing

Hello Chairman Powell,

I would like to start out by saying that I am a heavy supporter President Bush and the Republican Party. I think the Bush Administration and subsequent appointees have earned the respect of the American people and doing what is best for all Americans.

My local phone company is Qwest. Their service is and availability is excellent and I have no real complaints about phone service. I use Qwest Wireless as well. In fact, I have several friends that work for Qwest. Several years ago, Qwest announced DSL availability. However, I do not qualify for their service. Last month I signed up for Covad DSL service. Covad is one of CLEC's working in our area. While Covad service is not perfect, it allows me to work from home at times and decreases troubleshooting time when I am on call, due to the faster response from DSL.

Clearly in my case, DSL line sharing is to my advantage. I can have a high-speed internet connection, where the local phone company will not make an investment in this service. If this arrangement does not continue, I will probably have to drop high-speed internet service due to higher costs, since Qwest is not serious about making DSL available for all residential customers.

Thanks,

Chuck Knapp

From: Alejandro Ruiz
To: Alejandro Ruiz
Date: Mon. Feb 10, 2003 1:12 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Representative Millender-McDonald

Message text follows:

Alejandro Ruiz
24213 Seagrove Ave.
Carson, CA 90745-6118

February 10, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies aren't required to allow competitors access to the market. I'm also concerned about the Commission's move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Ruiz, Jr.

From: Lynn Hoyle
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 7:13 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Lincoln

Senator Pryor

Message text follows:

Lynn Hoyle
20 Hendrickson Lane
Greenbrier, AR 72058-9045

Februaty 6,2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Bill and Lynn Hoyle

From: Martha Gwyn
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 11:27 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dole

Message text follows:

Martha Gwyn
750 Weaver Dairy Road
Apt. 120, NC 27514-1439

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Martha Gwyn

From: James Buckner
+01 James Buckner
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 6:46 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Cornyn

Message text follows:

James Buckner
3901 FM 646
Santa Fe, TX 77510

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

James E. Buckner

From: James Clock
To: James Clock
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 11:16 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Bond

Representative McCarthy

Message text follows:

James Clock
708 NW Eagle Ridge
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

James Clock

From: James Himschoot
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 1:09 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dole

Message text follows:

James Himschoot
327 Green Vale Lane
Franklin, NC 28734-5334

February 6, 2003

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[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

James and Pearl Himschoot

From: Kathryn McGill
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 10:51 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Bond
Representative Hulshof
Message text follows:

Kathryn McGill
225 N. Park St. Apt.#802
Sullivan, MO 63080-1681

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Kathryn McGill

From: Kenneth Eichler
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 8:32 P.M.
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Cornyn

Message text follows:

Kenneth Eichler
2717 Jorwoods Dr.
Austin, TX 78745-5925

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Eichler



February 5th, 2003

Dear Chairman Michael Powell:

I ~~ask~~ your support for the continued availability of the "WE-Platform."

My company, Access One, offers local telephone service in the SBC territories. The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of "unbundled network elements" – the UNE-Platform - to serve customers. It is absolutely critical that we have continued access to the UNE-Platform to remain competitive.

Unfortunately, the Regional Bell Operating Companies have launched a full-scale attack on the WE-Platform, realizing it is a major threat to their continued market dominance. Their strategy is to impose certain restrictions on individual network elements that would destroy the competitive value of the WE-Platform. If the RBOCs succeed, it will all but end any chance for consumers to enjoy the benefits of meaningful competition in local phone service.

Please oppose any effort at the Federal Communications Commission or at state agencies to limit the availability of the UNE-Platform. The UNE-Platform should be firmly and permanently established as a viable service option for competitive telecom carriers.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Patty McGuire
Local Supervisor
Access One Incorporated

From: Patty McGuire
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 7:33 PM
Subject: UNE P

<<UNE-Platform Letter Jonathan Adelstein.doc>>

Sincerely,
Patty McGuire
Local Services
Access One, Inc.
Phone 312-441-1000 Ext. 933
Fax 312-441-1010



February 5th, 2003

Dear Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the "WE-Platform."

My company, Access One, offers local telephone service in select SBC territories. The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of "unbundled network elements" – the UNE-Platform - to serve customers. It is absolutely critical that we have continued access to the LINE-Platform to remain competitive.

Unfortunately, the Regional Bell Operating Companies have launched a full-scale attack on the UNE-Platform, realizing it is a major threat to their continued market dominance. Their strategy is to impose certain restrictions on individual network elements that would destroy the competitive value of the LINE-Platform. If the RBOCs succeed, it will all but end any chance for consumers to enjoy the benefits of meaningful competition in local phone service.

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Sincerely,

Patty McGuire
Local Supervisor
Access One Incorporated

From: Paul Fleetwood
To: Paul Fleetwood
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 11:38 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Talent

Message text follows:

Paul Fleetwood
RR 2 Box 275X
Doniphan, MO 63935

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

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Sincerely,

Paul Fleetwood

From: Phyllis Huls
Phyllis Huls
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 11:19 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Frist

Representative Ford

Message text follows:

Phyllis Huls
7065 Atherton Cove
Memphis, TN 38119-8618

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

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Sincerely,

Phyllis Huls

From: Priscilla Watson
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 3:50 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dodd
Senator Lieberman
Representative Simmons
Message text follows:

Priscilla Watson
15 Marie Ave.
Uncasville, CT 06382

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Priscilla W Watson

From: R ALLEN SMITH
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 10:16 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator 1 sent

Message text follows.

R. ALLEN SMITH
3645 GREENWAY CHASE DR
FLORISSANT, MO 63031

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

R. ALLEN SMITH

From: Robbie Shaw
To: Representative Cole
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 12:55 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Representative Cole

Message text follows:

Robbie Shaw
300 Melville Drive Apt 304
Pauls Valley, OK 73075

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Robbie Shaw

From: Robert Cook
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 12:05 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:
Senator Frist
Message text follows:

Robert Cook
237 Todd Lane
Mc Minnville, TN 37110-5086

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Robert G. Cook Sr.

From: Robert Cieless
To: Representative Weldon
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 8:37 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:
Representative Weldon
Message text follows:

Robert Cieless
105 Greenview Drive
West Chester, PA 19382

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted *here*],

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Sincerely,

Robert J. & Ruth L. Cieless

From: *Robin Dowden*
To: Robin Dowden
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 6:29 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dole

Message text follows:

Robin Dowden
1118 Mill Run Road
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Robin Dowden

From: Suzanne long

Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dayton

Representative Ramstad

Message text follows:

Suzanne long
9300 collegeview road
bloomington, MN 55437-2168

February 6, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

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Sincerely,

Suzanne long

From: ANlguy@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 10:40 **AM**
Subject: SAVE UNE-P AS IS PLEASE!!!

February 06, 2003

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the bUNE-Platform.b

I am a consumer who uses Talk America, which offers local telephone **service** in a few **states** (MI, NY, NJ, PA). The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of unbundled network elements b the UNE-Platform- to serve customers. It is absolutely critical that competitive local carriers have continued access to the UNE-Platform to remain competitive, and benefit consumers

Unfortunately, the Regional **Bell** Operating Companies have launched a full-scale attack on the UNE-Platform, realizing it is a major threat to their continued market dominance. Their strategy is to impose certain restrictions on individual network elements that would destroy the competitive value of the UNE-Platform. If the RBOCs succeed, it will all but end any chance for consumers to enjoy the benefits of meaningful competition in local phone service.

Please oppose any effort that will limit the availability of the UNE-Platform. The UNE-Platform should be firmly and permanently established as a viable service option for competitive telecom carriers.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas J Hendricks

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Thu, Feb 6.2003 10:36 AM
Subject: Fwd:SAVE UNE-P AS IS PLEASE!!!

From: ANlguy@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 10:36 AM
Subject: SAVE UNE-P AS IS PLEASE!!!

February 06, 2003

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the UNE-Platform.

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Thomas J Hendricks

From: Charles Davidson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 4:56 PM
Subject: Filing In Response to FCC Triennial Review

Please see attached.

CC: Katrina Tew

From: Don Walsh
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 9:43 AM
Subject: Please do not destroy our company

February 6, 2003

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the "UNE-Platform."

My company, Cornerstone Telephone Company, offers local telephone service in New York State. The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of "unbundled network elements" - the UNE-Platform - to serve customers. It is absolutely critical that we have continued access to the UNE-Platform to remain competitive.

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Sincerely,

Donald Walsh
C.O.O.
CornerStone Telephone Company

From: Candace
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 6, 2003 5:42 PM
Subject: deregulation

No to deregulation!
Yes to more regulation!
Back to 1978 rules!

February 6, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Thank you for continuing our dialogue on the FCC Triennial Review. ~~As~~ you know, we consider the issues to be addressed in that proceeding to be vital to ensuring sustainable, economic competition in the telecommunications industry. We appreciate your openness to discussion.

We understand that, in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress established shared responsibility between the states and the FCC for the implementation of the law. In this regard, we have no quarrel with you and indeed agree that the FCC must, in the **first** instance, determine whether competing carriers are "impaired" in the provision of a telecommunication service." We thus understand that you have an obligation to ~~set~~ forth the principles and criteria for ~~wch~~ a finding. In doing ~~so~~, we would urge the FCC not to add elements to the national list unless, after a principled granularity analysis, the FCC finds "impairment."

We believe, however, that any ruling that results in the removal of an unbundled network element used to provide mass market consumer services should not result in a flash cut implementation and that the FCC order should ensure a transition period for the benefit of consumers and carriers alike. We stand ready to assist the FCC in **its** transition monitoring, oversight and enforcement. Indeed, we strongly recommend that once the order is Issued, the FCC sponsor a workshop ~~or~~ series of workshops to discuss transition and enforcement. Issues to be discussed may include "hot cut performance", existence of state performance measurements together with a plan for mutual federal/state enforcement should a particular plan fail.

We look forward to working with you and thank you once again for the opportunity to work through these important issues with you.

Sincerely,

Chairman Thomas L. Welch
Maine Public Utilities Commission
(207) 287-3831

Chairman Alan R. Schriber
Ohio Public Utilities Commission
(614) 466-3204

Commissioner Charles M. Davidson
Florida Public Service Commission
(850) 413-6040

Commissioner Greg Sopkin
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
(303) 894-2000

cc: The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
The Honorable Michael J. Copps
The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein